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DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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FILE: B-203235.6

DATE: March 2, 1982

MATTER OF: Bell & Howell Company--Reconsideration

DIGEST:

Request for reconsideration of protest decision filed more than 10 working days after it appears protester learned of grounds for requesting reconsideration is untimely.

Bell & Howell Company (BHC) requests reconsideration of our decision in Bell & Howell Company, B-203235.4, January 5, 1982, 82-1 CPD _____, wherein we dismissed as untimely BHC's protest against a specification requirement in invitation for bids No. N00244-81-B-2251, issued by the Naval Supply Center, San Diego, California.

BHC's request for reconsideration is untimely.

Our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.9(b) (1981), require that requests for reconsideration be filed within 10 working days after the basis for reconsideration is known or should have been known.

BHC's request, however, was filed on February 4, 1982, 22 working days after issuance of our decision. Although the record does not indicate when BHC received our decision, we have held that it is reasonable to assume that a protester will have received a decision not later than 1 calendar week after its issuance, or, as in BHC's case, January 12, 1982. Labconco Corporation--Reconsideration, B-198284, June 6, 1980, 80-1 CPD 395.

Since it therefore appears that BHC's reconsideration request was not filed within the 10-day period provided for under our Bid Protest Procedures, it is dismissed.

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